

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

19. (New) In an apparatus comprising a housing having a pipe passage extending between each extremity of said housing, a pair of jaws having a generally symmetrical configuration with respect to each other disposed within said housing on opposite sides of said pipe passage, and a drive mechanism connected with respect to at least one of said jaws suitable for changing a distance between said jaws, a method for re-rounding flexible plastic pipe comprising the steps of:

positioning said housing around an out-of-round flexible plastic pipe whereby said flexible pipe is disposed within said pipe passage and a major axis of said out-of-round flexible plastic pipe is substantially perpendicular to said jaws;

compressing said out-of-round flexible plastic pipe by reducing said distance between said jaws until said major axis becomes a minor axis, forming a compressed flexible plastic pipe; and

decompressing said compressed flexible plastic pipe by increasing said distance between said jaws, forming a substantially round flexible plastic pipe.

20. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said minor axis has a length in a range of about 70% to about 95% of a diameter of said flexible plastic pipe.

21. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said compressed flexible plastic pipe is maintained in a compressed state for a predetermined period of time.

22. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said flexible plastic pipe is compressed without contact between said jaws.

23. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said housing comprises a moveable top positionable between an open position and a closed position, thereby enabling said housing to be positioned around said flexible plastic pipe.